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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 3367

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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN/MAURITANIA DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEETS

REF: (A) RABAT 3046, (B) RABAT 2632, (C) RABAT 538

1. MOROCCAN PRIMIN AHMED OSMAN LEFT FOR NOUAKCHOTT JUNE 19 TO ATTEND FIRST MEETING OF THE "HIGH COMMITTEE OF MOROCCAN/MAURITANIAN DEFENSE", TO BE PRESIDED BY MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH. ACCORDING TO SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS, COMMITTEE WAS CREATED UNDER TERMS OF MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT SIGNED MAY 13 DURING VISIT TO MAURITANIA BY FONMIN HAMED LARAKI (REFTEL B). OSMAN DELEGATION INCLUDES FONMIN LARAKI, MINISTER OF FINANCE ABDELKADER BELSLIMANE, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AHMED TAZI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERIOR DRISS BASRI, MFA SEC GEN ABDELHAKIM EL IRAQUI, SEC GEN OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION COLONEL MOHAMED ACHABAR, KING'S SECURITY AIDE COLONEL-MAJOR AHMED DLIMI, AND OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

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2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC CONFIRMATION OF SECURITY AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST MAY, ABOUT WHICH THE GOM HAD REMAINED CIRCUMSPECT (REFTEL A). NO DETAILS YET REVEALED BY PRESS, HOWEVER. AGREEMENT PRESUMABLY ENTAILS INCREASED MILITARY COORDINATION, ALTHOUGH MOROCCANS NO DOUBT CONTINUE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO NEED TO AVOID "BIG-BROTHER" IMAGE VIS-A-VIS MAURITANIA. HIGH LEVEL AND BROAD SCOPE OF OSMAN DELEGATION

REFLECTS RANGE OF PROBABLE COORDINATION AND UNDERLINES
CONTINUING MOROCCAN COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT GIRM TO THE HILT IF
NECESSARY. HIGH LEVEL MORCCAN-MAURITANIAN CONTACTS HAVE
REMAINED FREQUENT SINCE OSMAN'S LAST VISIT TO MAURITANIA IN
JANUARY (REFTEL C).
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